



February 7, 2012

**TESTIMONY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2774  
RELATING TO A SYMBOL OF MILITARY HONOR AND SACRIFICE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, AT 9:00AM, IN CONFERENCE  
ROOM 309**

Aloha Chair Aquino: The Oahu Veterans Council' delegates, are honored to represent the interests of our veterans and their families. Our Legislative Committee voted as follows, regarding House Bill 2774:

We sincerely appreciate and endorse your efforts to designate an official emblem that will honor and remember the service and sacrifice by our brave men and women, of the United States Armed Forces, who have given their lives in the line of duty. However, at this point in time, our reservations regarding this particular image are frankly irreconcilable. We honestly feel the Stars and Stripes can continue to convey this message, clearly, with humble respect and great dignity, while favorable consensus for the proposed emblem develops.

The Oahu Veterans Council respectfully urges your committee to consider our sentiments, when addressing House Bill 2774, as written; mahalo, for allowing us to testify, regarding this extremely important issue.

*Dennis Egge*

Dennis Egge; Chairman, Legislative Committee



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Public Testimony  
of  
Allen K. Hoe  
Honolulu, Hawaii

In Support of HB 2774

Before the House:  
Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs  
Thursday, February 9, 2012  
9:00 AM, Conference Rm. 309

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee.

My name is Allen K. Hoe, I am a Combat Veteran. I fought in Vietnam in 1967 - 1968 at the height of the fiercest fighting that war produced. I earned the Combat Medics Badge, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

My family and I have proudly worn the uniform of the US Army for 4 generations. Both of my grandfathers served in the First Hawaiian Infantry in WWI and were part of the organic units which became the 24th Infantry, "Rainbow" Division, and the 25th Infantry, the Tropic Lightning Division.

Both of my sons are Combat Veterans having served Hawaii and our Country proudly as Army Infantry Soldiers. 1Lt Nainoa Hoe with the 25th Division, and SSG Nakoa Hoe with the 100th Battalion of Hawaii's famed Go For Broke unit.

Hawaii's legislators have always boldly led our nation on issues of great import, I seek your support again today to lead the effort and join the national movement to acknowledge and honor all of our Heroes who have worn the uniform of our armed forces and who have died in the line of duty.

HB 2774 before you today is one of those special opportunities worthy of your consideration and support. I humbly request that you once again demonstrate to the rest of the Nation, Hawaii's resolve and commitment to honor those whose memory we will cherish forever for their gift of freedom to the world.

My request is in keeping with the following statement of the organization heading the effort of the Honor and Remember Flag whose mission it is, To create, establish and promote a nationally recognized flag that would fly continuously as a visible reminder to all Americans of the lives lost in defense of our national freedoms. All Military lives lost not only in action but also in service, from our nation's inception.

In our over 200 year history there has never been an official national symbol that recognizes in gratitude and respect the ultimate sacrifice made by members of the United States military in service to our nation. The Honor and Remember Flag was created for that purpose.

Mahalo for accepting my mana`o  
Allen K. Hoe